

**Fact Sheet**



# Oilseed Payment Program

## Statutory Authority

The 1999 Oilseed program is authorized by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, Title VIII, Section 804, P.L. 106-78. The program is authorized for \$475 million. The legislation authorizes the program for one payment only to producers who planted certain oilseeds in 1999.

Payments will be made by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), whose programs are administered by the Farm Service Agency.

## Who is eligible for oilseed payments?

Producers who planted an eligible oilseed in 1999 are eligible to participate in the 1999 Oilseed program. Eligible oilseeds are soybeans, sunflowers, flaxseed, canola, rapeseed, safflower seed, mustard, and crambe.

## How will the payments be calculated?

A producer's payment is equal to the producer's payment acres times the producer's payment yield times the national payment rate. Payments are calculated differently for producers who planted an eligible oilseed for the first time in 1999, and for those who planted in 1997 or 1998, as well as in 1999.

## How are the payment yield and payment acreage determined?

**For producers who planted oilseeds in 1999 and also in 1997 or 1998:** The payment acreage is the higher of the total 1997 or 1998 acreages planted to the oilseed on all farms.

The payment yield for these producers is the higher of:

- 1) The county average yield for soybeans (the national average yield for minor oilseeds) from 1994 through 1998, after dropping the high and low yields;
- 2) The producer's proven yield for 1997; or
- 3) The producer's proven yield for 1998.

NOTE: The year with the higher payment acreage may differ from the year with the higher yield.

**For "new" producers of oilseeds who planted the oilseed for the first time in 1999,** the payment acreage is the 1999 acreage of the oilseed. The payment yield is the higher of:

- 1) The county average yield for soybeans (the national average yield for minor oilseeds) from 1994 through 1998, after dropping the high and low yields; or
- 2) The producer's 1999 yield.

## What about producers who have not reported their oilseed acreage?

Producers wishing to receive payments who have not already reported eligible oilseed acreage for 1997, 1998, or 1999, may do so by February 18, 2000.

## What are the payment rates?

Projected payment rates are calculated based on the 5-year average price for each oilseed, after dropping the high and low years, and adjusted to keep spending within the authorized level. Actual payment rates will be determined

after sign up ends; the payment rates may be higher or lower than the projected rates.

Crop Rates	Projected Payment
Soybeans (bu)	\$0.1409
Sunflowers (cwt)	\$0.2553
Flax (bu)	\$0.1212
Canola (cwt)	\$0.2531
Rapeseed (cwt)	\$0.2680
Safflower (cwt)	\$0.3369
Mustard (cwt)	\$0.3149
Crambe (cwt)	\$0.2531

## How do I apply for payments?

A producer must file **one** application for all of the producer's farms, and apply in the county office which serves as the producer's control county. When possible, CCC will prefill the application with the producer's reported acres and county or national average yields, as applicable. If the producer does not wish to prove actual yields, the producer only has to verify the application's accuracy of reported oilseed acreages and sign it. A postcard mailed in early February notified producers of potential eligibility and provided the address of the producer's control county in which to file an application. Sign-up begins February 28 and is scheduled to end March 31, 2000.

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